

Ditties from the Director

January 2018



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our New Year certainly did start off with a FLURRY of activity! Hopefully the frigid temperatures and snow are behind us for a while.

That said, I am beginning to plan our summer camp program. I will be sending out a questionnaire this month to get a reading on who might be interested and sharing a preliminary snapshot of what you can expect. I have decided to offer a 3-day program for our two-year-olds and a choice of 3 or 5 days for the 3's, 4's and 5's. More details to follow.

We continue our staff training familiarizing all of our teachers with the Project Approach. Miss Kerrin is very well-

versed in this method and has been instrumental in our training. The Purple Room teachers are spending time in the Red Room observing, first hand, how to implement this approach. The Blue Room will follow suit. The Red Room has been practicing this for the last couple of months and the excitement and engagement of our children has been a pleasure to witness. The biggest departure from our traditional way of teaching will be taking the children's lead on what they are most interested in and be more flexible and inclusive with our planning. Not every child or class is the same and we relish the opportunity to

hear their voice. We will also be keeping the investigations more in line with the world around them. We will include members of our community to host in-house experiences that will reinforce our teachings. There will also be more collaborative projects taking place. Imbedded in this curriculum will be all the skills necessary for all children to be prepared for their next step. If there is anyone who would like to receive literature about this, please let me know and I will gladly share.

I wish you all a healthy and happy new year and look forward to the wonder of all the growth and development that will take place in the months to come.



Upcoming Dates

Weds. 1/17- Acting Out with Miss Karen

For ages

Mon. 1/22- A Visit from the Toothfairy for all ages

Mon. 1/29- Music for all ages



Looking Ahead

Fri. 2/2-

Yoga for All

Ages

Tues. 2/6-

Visit from Westport Public Library for

All Ages

Thurs. 2/8 -

Love-In Pot-luck Dinner

6:00-7:30 pm

Fri. 2/16 -N.C

School—Staff Development

Mon. 2/26-

Music for All



After School Enrichment Program

The second session of our after-school enrichment program has been well received! Don't miss out on the next one, that will be offered for four weeks, beginning on February 12,



Spring Fling Fundraiser

Our biggest and best fundraiser is on the horizon. This is a spectacular evening for adults only. April 28th from 7-11 pm is sure to be a night to be remembered! Reserve your babysitters now! This event raises much needed funds by way of silent and live auctions along with food,

drink and dancing. This year we will be offering a buffet dinner to satisfy every appetite. Be on the look-out for communication from our committee. We would like to have everyone be involved in any way possible. If you have a vacation home, access to sporting events or theatre tickets along with any other services for donation, please speak up! Please consider soliciting gift cards from your favorite restaurants or merchants. More information as to how you can help will be on the way soon.